



# MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



## Significant Artifacts

*Monitor* artifacts are under conservation and on display in the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia.

(clockwise from top left)



**Hull of the *Monitor* on the ocean floor**

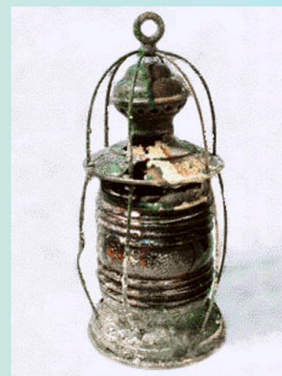
***Monitor* Cannon being prepared for conservation**



***Monitor* propeller on display in the Mariner's Museum**



**Reversing wheel, after conservation**



**Lantern, before conservation**

## Astonishing Fact

*The last object seen on the Monitor, as she sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras in 1862 was her lantern. In 1977, the lantern was recovered for conservation, the first of the Monitor artifacts to return to the surface.*



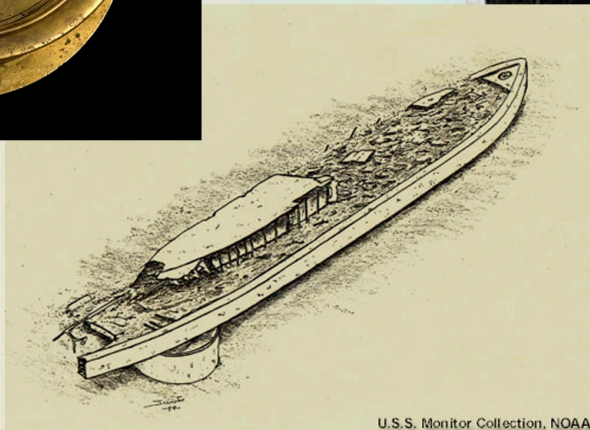


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## Astonishing Fact

*According to lore, the Monitor's cat may have been placed in one of the large gun barrels for shelter during the storm that sank the ship. The guns, now recovered, are waiting for archaeologists to remove marine concretion from their barrels. Will they find a cat skeleton?*



U.S.S. Monitor Collection, NOAA

*Sanctuary designation  
January 1975*